

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Vanessa M. Powles' dedication to service has made her a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals who leave the comforts of their home and family to nobly serve a cause greater than themselves; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Powles has devoted over 22 years of her life making sacrifices that demonstrated no mission was too hard, no challenge was too great, and through tests and trials she emerged stronger than before; and,

Whereas, Her loyalty and leadership as a recruiting and retention noncommissioned officer have made her a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country, and it is a privilege to honor her success, her sacrifice, and her service; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Powles continues to give of herself, and our future is brighter thanks to her dedication; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Vanessa M. Powles for over 22 years of dedicated and outstanding service to her state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2016, as

STAFF SERGEANT VANESSA M. POWLES DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with her family and friends in wishing her well in her retirement and thanking her for her service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State